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QUALITY GUARANTEE

WAR ODDITIES

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A tiny kitten found alive in the ruins of the great munitions explosion sold for \$250 which was given to the relief fund.

TEA FOR A BAD COLD

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus driving a cold from the system.

Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

RUB BACKACHE AND LUMBAGO RIGHT OUT

Rub Pain and Stiffness away with a small bottle of old honest St. Jacobs Oil

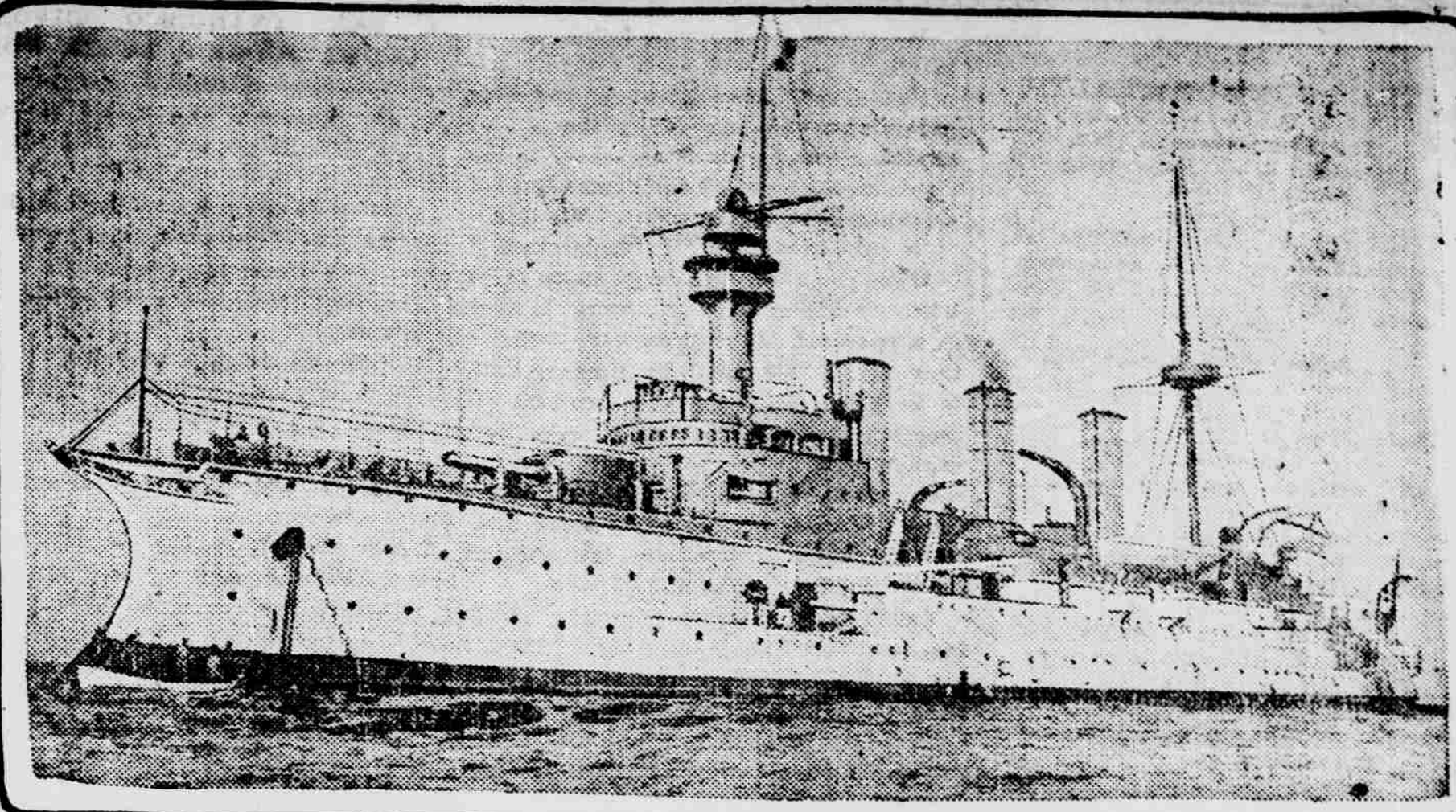
When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 25 cent bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right into the pain or ache, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone.

Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the ache and pain right out of your back and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin. Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica and lame back misery so promptly!

Every man admires an attractive woman—one with a beautiful complexion—but there are many women who do not know the secret of securing it—Mildredina Cream is many a woman's secret for beautifying the complexion and giving the skin a fresh, clear, velvety texture.

THE MILDRED LOUISE CO.
Boston, Mass.

THIS MAY BE THE RAIDER OF SOUTH ATLANTIC COMMERCE



This is the German cruiser Vineta, which is believed by many to be the vessel that has been capturing and sinking so many merchant ships in the South Atlantic. Other reports say the raider is the famous Moewe.

"THERE ARE WORSE THINGS IN WAR THAN SLAUGHTER."—WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.

(Quoted from Today's Issue of Every Week.)

Those of you who followed the things I wrote for the Commonwealth and the United Press may have been impressed with the horror of slaughter among the fighting people in Europe.

But there are worse things in war than slaughter. In the current issue of Every Week I have told what those things are; and a summarized quotation from that story may interest you: "Isn't the slaughter terrible?"

Everybody who returns to the United States from the war in Europe is asked this question, trite as it seems.

My answer must always be:

"Dying or killing are not the most terrible things that war brings to a man woman or child. In Europe you see worse things than dying or killing. Worse things happen to European folk than being killed or crippled."

The first dead man I saw in the war, back in those early and old-time days in Belgium, struck me as having been uselessly murdered, and the sight left a baleful impression on my mind, for a time. To my surprise, however, I soon beheld such sights without emotion. But there was one sight—one manifestation of the horrors of war—that I could not accustom myself to view without a mental shudder. This was the sight of vast bodies of men marching or camping.

There they were, men of family, of business, of ideals, of religion, all brought down to the same level—all alike. Like barrels whose hoops have been removed, these men, individually in their lives and in their characters have fallen apart since the binding support of their home environment has been taken away from round about them. The impression that they were like animals, like herded, unthinking beasts, was so strong upon me that at

night in my sleep, instead of seeing dead and mangled bodies, I saw in my dreams vast bodies of soldiers passing before me, each man wearing the head of some beast instead of his own. They were not brutal, leonine men-animals I saw; only patient, dumb, obedient, long-suffering kindly ones, such as cattle, deer, horses and dogs.

To be turned into such a man is worse than death, and among thinking men in the six armies that I saw at close range I often found soldiers and officers who realized what sort of beings they had become. There are penalties just short of death for men in the various armies who sicken of being unthinking men-animals and try to find a way out of their plight by suicide—who stick their heads above the trenches of who would themselves with their own rifles.

The moral and mental disintegration that is caused by the surroundings of military service in individual cases is shocking. This applies to all armies that I have seen.

"That fellow would be better dead," said a friend of mine, as an Englishman we had known in peace times walked away from us after a chance meeting in the Strand. "Everything that was good in him is dead already."

Only a year before, this man had been a star of Fleet Street. He wrote with a sympathy and understanding of human nature that made his work stand out. But as we saw him, after a year in the army as an uncommissioned officer, the grime of war was on his soul as well as on his body.

"I've quit writing," he said, with a weak grin that displayed the absence of two front teeth. "Something's happened to me. I can't ever write again. I don't even try to do it. Anyhow, what's the use? It's all war."

The man that he had been a year before would have killed himself with his own gun rather than become the man we saw and talked with that afternoon in the Strand.

Not all the bad things of war happen to the human bodies.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages.

Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, mucous discharge, headache, dryness, struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone.

Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils. Let it penetrate through every passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid.

WHEN YOU HAVE A COLD

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Panama, Ill., writes: "Our five year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. J. Partin, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Scotland Neck, N. C., on or before the 19 day of January 1918 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

W. J. Partin
Administrator of J. J. Partin.
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NEW-YORK LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY

346 & 348 Broadway - NEW YORK CITY

To the Policy-Holders and the Public:

A brief of the chief activities of this Company during 1916 runs as follows:

New Paid Business - - \$263,048,300.00

Of this total \$293,090,873 was secured in the United States

Total Income - - - \$138,559,395.79

From New Premiums	\$10,241,497.43
From Renewal Premiums	\$82,843,015.14
From Interests and Rents	\$38,108,768.16
From miscellaneous sources (exclusive of increase in Book Value Assets)	\$7,366,115.06

Total Payments to Policy-holders - \$81,415,138.36

In Death Losses	\$29,332,346.32
In Endowments	\$11,384,424.69
In Dividends	\$19,695,355.33
In Surrender Values	\$19,551,361.00
In Annuities	\$1,414,154.02
In Disability Claims	37,497.00

Significant Facts:

Mortality Rate reduced
Expense Rate reduced
Interest Rate increased
New Business increased

Invested During the Year in Bonds and Mortgage Loans - - - \$70,717,602.17

To pay 5.26 per cent

Added to Legal Reserves	\$24,676,393.00
Market value of Assets, Dec. 31, 1916	\$866,988,841.57
Legal Liabilities	\$728,226,426.34
Reserved for Dividends and Contingencies	\$138,762,415.23
Outstanding Insurance	\$2,511,607,274.00

Represented by 1,228,601 policies

The actual mortality of the Company expressed in the per cent, which it bears to the expected death losses according to the tables of mortality adopted by the State for valuation purposes through a period of years is as follows:--

1912 Actual death losses	76 per cent of the "expected"
1913 Actual death losses	73 per cent of the "expected"
1914 Actual death losses	73 per cent of the "expected" (5 m. of war)
1915 Actual death losses	73 per cent of the "expected" (12 m. of war)

1916 Actual death losses 71 per cent of the "expected" (12 mos of war)

The Seventy-Second Annual Statement of the Company will be filed at once with the Department of Commerce in Washington and each State of the United States and each country where we do business. A brief of that statement will be sent gratis to any person asking for it.

DARWIN P. KINGSLEY, President.

Lewis B. Suiter, - Scotland Neck, N. C.
Local Representative

Better Than Diamonds

Investing in real estate is better than putting your savings in diamonds. It is the best and most profitable investment you can have.

Real estate purchased today is worth more tomorrow, for it increases constantly in value. It therefore becomes the ideal investment for people who have a few savings and want to make those savings grow.

We have just received the option to sell one of the best pieces of residential property in town. It represents a plot of 100 ft. by 400 ft. facing on two streets that can be cut up into four lots 50 ft. by 100 ft. A Bargain.

Alexander & Smith

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